



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 10/10/2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: FATAL CRASH

Date: 10/09/2019

Time: 5:41 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: Williams Rd & Speedway Ln

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 190856081

Cruiser District: 134

Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Incident Summary: On October 9, 2019 at approximately 5:41 P.M., a motor vehicle crash occurred on Williams Road near Speedway Lane in Columbus. A 2014 Suzuki GSX-R1000 motorcycle being operated by Matthew Leroy Smith (35) of Columbus, was eastbound on Williams Rd at Speedway Lane. At the same time a 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse being operated by Christian D. Caplinger (18) of Columbus, was attempting to enter Williams Rd from a private drive.

The vehicles collided resulting in Mr. Smith being ejected from the motorcycle. Mr. Smith was transported to OhioHealth Grant Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Mr. Smith was pronounced dead at the hospital at 6:16 P.M.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

This is the 54th reported motor vehicle crash fatality in the city limits of Columbus for 2019.

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